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**Ventura State Route 118  
Wildlife Corridor Multi-Agency Working Group Meeting  
May 4, 2006 – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Simi Valley City Hall  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA**

**Meeting Summary**

**I. Introductions and Previous Meeting Summary**

The meeting began at 1:15 pm with introductions from attendees (see attached sign-in sheet). All present received a copy of the agenda, mission statement, Alamos Canyon description, and Alamos Canyon mitigation enhancements. Ron Kosinski, Caltrans, reviewed brief past meeting history.

**II. Mission Statement and Work Plan Objectives**

Amy Pettler, Caltrans, reviewed the mission statement starting with the description. The goal was reviewed and it was suggested to make it a little more specific, including a reference to the area that we are addressing.

Several suggestions were made regarding the work plan objectives:

Objective 1. Caltrans passed out cards with a reference to the database/annotated bibliography that is in development. References will be sent to Caltrans to update; links to other databases will be added rather than trying to incorporate into the 118 data set. This database will mainly be used as a tool for work on the 118. Items will be tagged also as broad (outside of study area/118) or specific.

Objective 2. Sentence structure reviewed to ensure that it includes proposed transportation projects. The GIS consultant (Parsons) will set up an FTP site where all members of the group can drop data for the future map (showing open space, proposed open space, footprints, etc.). We want to have something tangible by the end of June 2006. The map will be dynamic, with regular (possibly biannual) updates. The map will have specific limits near SR-118. This should be finalized in the next week or so. A map will be sent out with proposed limits for comment.

The tasks of objectives 3-5 will become more clearly defined following development of the map of objective 2.

### **III. Alamos Canyon Action Items**

Due to time constraints, discussion of Alamos Canyon mitigation enhancements will be tabled for the next meeting. Fiona Nagle referenced the Alamos Canyon handouts and requested that the group begin thinking about this for the next meeting.

### **IV. Overview of Caltrans and Other Related Projects**

- The SCAG grant for mitigation guidelines for Ventura County will go through.
- Ventura County is creating a geodatabase with available biological data in Ventura Co.
- We will need the General Plan update from the Simi Valley planning department to include in our assessments.
- The final Southcoast Wildlands report that includes our study area should be available soon.
- State Parks just finished up a report with data tracking specific mountain lion movement in the region.
- The Caltrans project for the Rocky Peak Rd. ramps did not get funded and will be on hold for 6 to 10 years.
- Caltrans SR 118 widening/car pool lane (from 6 to 8 lanes, with widening in the median) is funded, with construction planned for late 2006/early 2007.
- Caltrans Route 23 project is ready for construction, and will be advertised soon.

### **V. Action Items**

- Kally McCormick will contact Simi Valley Planning for status on Negative Declaration document for project near Alamos (south of train tracks).
- Members will submit relevant data to the GIS consultant to start the map.
- Caltrans will continue editing database and adding new items. Forward references to: Fiona Nagle ([finagle@ucla.edu](mailto:finagle@ucla.edu)).
- Group members will review Alamos Canyon handouts in preparation for future meeting discussion.

### **VI. Additional Consensus Items:**

- The mission statement was tentatively approved, pending the changes discussed above.
- The group wishes to continue with member meetings. Separate meetings for public presentation will be scheduled when we have items in need of public comment.
- Caltrans engineers and/or knowledgeable consultants may be brought in when we are further along to discuss feasibility, cost issues, etc for wildlife passage infrastructure.

### **VII. Future Meeting**

**Thursday, June 15 2006** from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at Simi Valley Government Center (2929 Tapo Canyon Road).

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